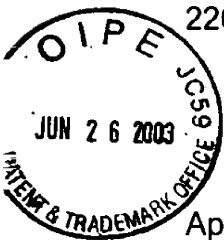


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In response to the Official Action mailed December 27, 2002, (paper No. 10)
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims
in view of the following comments as set forth below.